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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 17 November 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.

4226th (closed) meeting

Security Council
Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Briefing by the Secretary-General

Morning*

4227th meeting

Security Council
Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation between Eritrea and Ethiopia

* Following the adjournment of the 4226th (closed) meeting.

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1160 (1998)

3 p.m.

13th (closed) meeting*

Conference Room 7

* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in the same conference room, immediately after the meeting. Following the oral briefing to members of the United Nations, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m.	66th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	67th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [59]

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 11.30 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
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Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Ms. Anne Barrington (Ireland), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.3 (item 92 (d)) and L.25* (item 97)

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Nicolescu (Romania) Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.10 (item 94 (c))

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	29th meeting	Conference Room 3
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1. Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor [134] (A/55/443 and A/55/531)

Introduction and general discussion

2. United Nations common system [124] (A/55/30, A/54/483 and A/55/526)

United Nations pension system [125] (A/55/9, A/C.5/55/3 and A/55/481)

Conclusion of general discussion

Morning* - 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
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Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Programme planning A/55/16, A/55/6 (Introduction and programmes 1-25), A/55/63, A/55/73, A/55/85, A/C.5/55/14, A/C.5/55/17, A/C.5/55/18, A/C.5/55/19, A/C.5/55/20 and Add.1 and A/C.5/55/22)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
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Informal consultations on agenda item 124 (United Nations common system (A/55/30, A/54/483 and A/55/526))

* Following the adjournment of the 29th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	33rd meeting	Conference Room 1
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Observer status for the Economic Community of Central African States in the General Assembly [184]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.20

Observer Status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly [172]

Action on draft decision A/C.6/55/L.14

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [163]

Introduction and action on draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.7

Implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

Introduction and action on draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.3/Rev.1

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Report of the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Today, 17 November 2000, there will be meetings of interested delegations on draft proposals, as follows:

Conference Room 9: A/C.2/55/L.21 (item 95 (d)), and L.30 (item 95 (d)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room D: A/C.2/55/L.18 (item 99), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and

Conference Room C: A/C.2/55/L.4 (item 94 (b)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for this consultation.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Briefing

There will be a briefing to launch the final report of the World Commission on Dams, entitled "Dams and Development: A New Framework for Decision-Making", under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Chairman of the Second Committee, today, 17 November 2000, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The speakers will include Mr. Klaus Toepfer, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme; Professor Kader Asmal, Chairman of the Commission and Minister of Education of South Africa, and Mr. Achim Steiner, Secretary-General of the World Commission on Dams.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representative of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet today, 17 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 17 November 2000

EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

9 a.m. - 10 a.m. closed meeting Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (on agenda item 93 (a)) (A/C.2/55/L.22))

12 noon-1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (on agenda item 94 (c)) (Culture and development))

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (on agenda items 12 (Report of the Economic and Social Council) and 102 (Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries))

2 p.m.-3 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (on agenda items 99 (A/C.2/55/L.18), 102 (Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries) and 173 (Towards global partnerships))

6 p.m.-10 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (on environmental issues)

6 p.m.-10 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 9

Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations on agenda item 47 (Assistance in mine action) will be held *today*, 17 November 2000, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Seton Hall University School of Diplomacy and International Relations are jointly organizing a workshop in their Series on the Art of Public Speaking for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will continue *today* 17 November, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

Announcement

As from Thursday, 2 November 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

The Web site of the Netherlands Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: <http://www.un.int/netherlands>.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 20 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m. 68th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) [51]
2. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the fifth annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal (A/55/435) [53]
3. Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [52]
 - (a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the seventh annual report of the International Tribunal (A/55/273)
 - (b) Letter from the Secretary-General addressed to the Presidents of the General Assembly and of the Security Council (A/55/382)

3 p.m. 69th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Reduction of military budgets: report of the First Committee (A/55/551) [65]
2. Development of good-neighbourly relations among Balkan States; maintenance of international security: report of the First Committee (A/55/552) [66 and 67]
3. Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security: report of the First Committee (A/55/554) [68]
4. Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/55/555) [69]
5. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/55/556) [70]
6. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons: report of the First Committee (A/55/557) [71]
7. Prevention of an arms race in outer space: report of the First Committee (A/55/558) [72]
8. General and complete disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/55/559)* [73]
9. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly: report of the First Committee (A/55/560)* [74]
10. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session: report of the First Committee (A/55/561) [75]
11. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/55/562) [76]

* To be issued.

12. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects: report of the First Committee (A/55/563) [77]
13. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region: report of the First Committee (A/55/564) [78]
14. Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco): report of the First Committee (A/55/565) [79]
15. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction: report of the First Committee (A/55/566) [80]
16. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/55/567) [81]

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

4 p.m.	35th meeting	Conference Room 2
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FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
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3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3
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SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	34th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
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3 p.m.	35th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
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3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

The 3rd meeting of the Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 182 (Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit) will be held on Tuesday, 21 November 2000, at 3 p.m., in Conference Room 1, to consider a Conference Room Paper (A/55/CRP.1) entitled "Elements for a draft resolution on the follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit submitted by the President of the General Assembly".

The Conference Room Paper is available in all official languages of the United Nations in room S-2925.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items, conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg), will take place on Monday, 20 November 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Committees**SECOND COMMITTEE***Panel Discussion*

There will be a panel discussion on "Emerging technologies", organized by the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in conjunction with the Food and Agricultural Organization and the United Nations University, on Monday, 20 November 2000, from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

The panel will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Chairman of the Second Committee. Mr. Sarbuland Khan, Director of the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination will be the moderator. Presentations will be made by H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoela, Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Lesotho to the United Nations, Dr. Charles Riemenschneider, Director of the North American Office of the Food and Agricultural Organization, Professor Eugene Skolnikoff of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and United Nations University and Professor Richard Falk of Princeton University.

Members of permanent missions, United Nations staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The resumed 12th meeting of the first session of the Preparatory Committee for the High-Level Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development will be held on Monday, 20 November 2000, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

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The 254th meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Tuesday, 21 November 2000, at 10.30 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

The Committee, inter alia, will consider draft resolutions on the question of Palestine.

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The 2nd meeting of the Credentials Committee will be held on Monday, 4 December 2000, at 10 a.m. Delegations that have not submitted credentials are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rule of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the Secretary of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420A).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL*Resumed substantive session of 2000*

The proposed informal consultations to consider the recommendation contained in the report of the fifth special session of the Commission on Human Rights (E/2000/112-E/CN.4/S-5/5 and E/2000/112/Add.1-E/CN.4/S-5/5/Add.1) have been postponed until Monday, 20 November 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoela (Lesotho), on Tuesday, 21 November 2000, at 10 a.m. sharp, in Conference Room 9.

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (6 to 16 March 2001). There will be two panels focusing on the following thematic issues being taken up by the Commission: (1) Women, the girl child and HIV/AIDS, and (2) Gender and racial discrimination. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (Room DC2-1259), no later than Thursday, 30 November 2000.

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**United Nations Convention to Combat
Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious
Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa**

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES*List of speakers*

The fourth session of the Conference of the Parties will take place from 11 to 22 December 2000 in Bonn, Germany. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 18 to 20 December. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment will be open from Monday, 20 November, through Tuesday, 5 December. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the technical Secretariat of the Conference in New York (Ms. June Chesney: tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: chesney@un.org). The list will be reopened in Bonn on Monday, 11 December (telephone and fax numbers to be announced).

A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Bonn on Monday, 11 December.

The provisional agenda and organization of work for the session is contained in document ICCD/COP(4)/1 and can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site (<http://www.unccd.int>).

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Second Committee (on agenda items 20, 9^a (a), 102 and 50) on Saturday, 18 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States on Tuesday, 21 November 2000, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

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Informal briefing

There will be an informal briefing by Mrs. Anna K. Tibaijuka, Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) on preparations for the special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) on Monday, 20 November 2000, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, United Nations agencies, representatives of non-governmental organizations, the media and other interested parties are invited to attend.

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Informal briefing

There will be an informal briefing by a Vice-Chairman of the Commission for Social Development on preparations for the fortieth session of the Commission (to be held in February 2001) on Monday, 20 November 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and other interested parties are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations on agenda item 18 (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples), which will be considered in plenary, will be convened by the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (Papua New Guinea) on Tuesday, 21 November 2000, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 15 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

63rd plenary meeting

Special session of the General Assembly in 2001 for follow-up to the World Summit for Children [42]

(a) *Report of the Preparatory Committee (A/55/43 (Parts I and II))*

(b) *Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/429)*

(c) *Draft resolution (A/55/L.34)*

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 42.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Philippines, Mongolia, Pakistan, Burkina Faso, Indonesia, Nigeria, Bangladesh, South Africa, Chile, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Belarus, Qatar, Venezuela, Fiji, Malaysia, Israel and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The representative of Jamaica made a statement in the course of which she introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/55/L.34.

In accordance with the decisions taken by the General Assembly at its 62nd plenary meeting on 15 November 2000, statements were made by the observers of the Holy See and Switzerland.

The General Assembly was informed that action on draft resolution A/55/L.34 would be taken at a later date to be announced.

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE

29th meeting

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [164]

Statements were made by the representatives of Uzbekistan (on behalf of Georgia, Ukraine, Azerbaijan and the Republic of Moldova), Maldives, Israel, Poland, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Algeria, Kyrgyzstan, Australia, Ethiopia, Belarus, the Czech Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Syrian Arab Republic, Yemen, Bangladesh, Brazil and Kuwait.

30th meeting

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [164]

The representatives of Fiji, New Zealand and Australia made statements.

The representative of Egypt, the observer of Palestine, and the representatives of Uganda, Israel and the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement in the exercise of their right of reply.

The Committee thus concluded its debate on agenda item 164.

Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country [161]

The Chairman of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country introduced the report of the Committee (A/55/26).

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Community), Cuba, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Russian Federation and the United States.

The representative of Cyprus introduced draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.9.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.9 without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 161.

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-second session [159]

The representative of Colombia introduced draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.6 and Corr.1 and orally amended it. The programme budget implications of the draft resolution were contained in A/C.6/55/L.21.

The representative of Chile explained the position of its delegation before the adoption of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.6 and Corr.1 without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 159.

Establishment of an International Criminal Court [162]

The representative of the Netherlands introduced draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.11.

The Secretary made a statement.

The representative of China spoke.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.11 without a vote.

The Committee then concluded its consideration of agenda item 162.

Convention on Jurisdictional immunities of States and their property [157]

The Chairman of the Working Group on Jurisdictional immunities of States and their property reported on the results of the work of the Working Group.

The representative of Germany introduced draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.19 and orally amended it.

It was announced that the following countries had joined the list of co-sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.19: Chile, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Finland, Guatemala, Georgia, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Malta, Netherlands, Peru, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Sudan, Uganda and Ukraine.

The representative of France spoke.

The Chairman also spoke.

Thursday, 16 November 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

4224th meeting

Letter dated 10 November 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Solomon Islands to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2000/1088)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2000/33).

4225th meeting

Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998), 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Albania, Austria and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Dr. Bernard Kouchner, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

The Council began its consideration of the item, hearing a briefing by Dr. Kouchner.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Bangladesh, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, Canada, China, Argentina, Malaysia, Tunisia, Jamaica, Namibia, Mali, Ukraine and France (speaking on behalf of the European Union and the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia - and the associated countries Cyprus and Malta, which aligned themselves with the statement).

Dr. Kouchner responded to comments and questions posed by members of the Council.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

64th plenary meeting

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: fourth report of the General Committee (A/55/250/Add.3) [8]

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-fifth session an additional item entitled "Observer status for the Economic Community of Central African States in the

General Assembly" and to allocate the additional item to the Sixth Committee.

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [59]

Statements were made by the representatives of Croatia, Mexico, Australia, Bhutan, Viet Nam, Japan, France, Singapore, Algeria, Germany, Ukraine, Cuba, Senegal, Ireland, South Africa, the United States, India and Guatemala.

65th plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 65th plenary meeting will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2000/225).

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

28th meeting

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [116]

Human resources management [123]

The Committee resumed its consideration of these agenda items.

Proposed regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of officials other than Secretariat officials and experts on mission and regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of the Secretary-General

The representative of Portugal, Rapporteur of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.8.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

United Nations common system [124]

United Nations pension system [125]

The Committee resumed its consideration of these agenda items.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Canada (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Canada), the Russian Federation, Cuba and Egypt.

Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East [138]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

(b) *United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon*

Statements were made by the representatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (on behalf of the Arab Group), Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Israel, Mexico, Lebanon, the Syrian Arab Republic, Iraq and the United States.

The Director of the Peacekeeping Financing Division replied to a question raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item would begin on Tuesday, 21 November, in the afternoon, following the adjournment of the formal meeting, under the chairmanship of Mr. Manlan Ahounou (Côte d'Ivoire).

Other matters

The Chairman informed the Committee that in connection with the consideration of agenda item 118 (Programme planning), the Bureaux of the Third and Fifth Committees agreed that during the Fifth Committee's informal consultations on Programme 19 of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, representatives of the Third Committee would be invited to participate in those consultations which would take place on Friday, 17 November, in the morning, following the adjournment of the formal meeting.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of Venezuela and Mexico.

The Chairman also made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

31st meeting

Nationality of natural persons in relation to the succession of States [160]

The representative of Ecuador introduced draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.16, L.16* (Arabic only) and Corr.1 (Spanish only).

The representative of Slovenia explained the position of its delegation before the adoption of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.16, L.16* (Arabic only) and Corr.1 (Spanish only) without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 160.

Convention on Jurisdictional immunities of States and their Property [157]

Statements were made by the representatives of Colombia, on behalf of the Group of Rio, Cuba, China, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Slovakia, France, Greece and Belgium.

It was announced that Bulgaria had joined the list of sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.19 and L.19* (Spanish only).

The representative of Germany read out the oral amendments to draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.19 and L.19* (Spanish only).

The representative of Canada spoke.

The Secretary made a statement on conference service implications of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.19 and L.19* (Spanish only), as orally amended, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 157.

Review of the Statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal [165]

The representative of the United Kingdom introduced draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.18.

The representative of Mexico spoke.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.18 without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 165.

32nd meeting

Observer Status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly [172]

The Chairman introduced draft decision A/C.6/55/L.14 and orally amended it.

Observer Status for the Economic Community of Central African States [184]

Statements were made by the representatives of Equatorial Guinea, on behalf of the member States of the Economic Community of Central African States, Gabon, Cuba and France.

The representative of Equatorial Guinea introduced draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.20.

Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, France, Guinea, Italy, Mauritania and Sao Tome and Principe joined as sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its debate on agenda item 184.

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Corrigendum to the 34th meeting of the SECOND COMMITTEE (see Journal No. 2000/223, p.16) : before the title Deadline for submission of draft proposals : insert the following:

Operational activities for development [96]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the agenda item.

The Committee was informed that there were no draft proposals submitted under the agenda item.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to take note of document A/55/271.

The representative of Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 96.

Globalization and interdependence [100]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the agenda item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.55/L.16

The Chairman announced that Canada, Brazil, the Czech Republic, Fiji, Thailand and Slovenia, had joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The representative of France (on behalf of the European Union) announced that it had joined as co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

The Chairman announced that the draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution

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PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE HIGH-LEVEL INTERNATIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL EVENT ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT

Resumed first session

12th meeting

Preparation for the substantive preparatory process and the high-level international event [2]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

A/AC.257/10/Add.1

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Nigeria, China and Algeria.

The Committee approved the additional list of non-governmental organizations recommended by the Bureau of the Committee for accreditation in the substantive preparatory process and the high-level international intergovernmental event on financing for development, as contained in document A/AC.257/10/Add.1, subject to comments received by 1 December.

Following a statement by the representative of China, the Committee agreed to extend the accreditation of non-governmental organizations and business sector entities in the substantive preparatory process beyond 1 January 2001.

The Co-Chairman made a statement in connection with the hearings held with the Civil Society, 6-7 November and the upcoming hearings with the Business Sector, 11-12 December.

Adoption of draft decision A/C.3/55/L.4

The Committee had before it a draft decision A/C.3/55/L.4 submitted by the Bureau.

The Secretary read out a statement from the Controller of the United Nations in connection with the draft decision, which will be annexed to the final report of the Preparatory Committee.

Statements were made by the representatives of France, Kenya, Canada, Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Australia, the United States, Cuba, Norway, Chile, Guyana, Japan, New Zealand and Pakistan.

The Committee decided to appoint a facilitator, Mauricio Escanero (Mexico), to coordinate further discussions on the draft decision.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, France, Chile, the United States, Saint Lucia and Mexico.

The 12th meeting of the Committee was suspended until Monday, 20 November.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

**International Covenant on Economic,
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**COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS**

Twenty-fourth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2000

60th meeting

Consideration of State party reports [6]

The Committee concluded its consideration of the third periodic report of Portugal (E/1994/104/Add.20).

61st meeting

Consideration of State party reports [6]

The Committee began its consideration of the fourth periodic report of Finland (E/C.12/4/Add.1). In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meeting, introduced the report and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

**[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]**

International Sugar Agreement, 1992. Geneva, 20 March 1992

*Accession: Viet Nam (16 November 2000)**

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, 15 November 2000

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, 15 November 2000

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, 15 November 2000

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

The Convention and Protocols are scheduled to be open for signature to all States, and by regional economic integration organizations provided that at least one Member State of such organization has signed this Convention and these Protocols, from 12 to 15 December 2000 at the Palazzi di Giustizia in Palermo, Italy and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 12 December 2002, in accordance with article 26 of the Convention and articles 1 of the Protocols. In order to become a Party to the Protocols, a State or regional economic integration organization must also be a Party to the Convention, in accordance with article 37 of the Convention.

Consistent with the current practice, delegations intending to sign the Convention and Protocols are advised to submit for legal verification, where necessary, copies of full powers in advance of the signature event to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Secretariat, Room S-3200C, New York, NY. 10017, Fax No. (212) 963-3693. Originals of full powers should be submitted to the Conference Secretariat in Palermo, Italy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

United Nations Television Forum

The fifth annual United Nations World Television Forum on the theme "TV@Globe//Adding Values in the Digital Era" will continue *today*, 17 November 2000. At 9 a.m. there will be workshops on "Innovative programming in sports" in the Economic and Social Council Chamber and "The radio model" in Conference Room 4. A roundtable on "Digital visionaries" will take place at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The closing meeting "Charting our future", will be held from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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